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METHOD FOR DETECTING BINDING EVENTS USING MICRO-X-

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2007, entry of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and the following preliminary amendment is respectfully requested:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Two Declarations under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 are attached following page 16 of this paper.